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Method and apparatus for copying data that resides in a
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FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to the copying of data and more specifically to
producing a copy of data that resides in a database.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Planning software is used by manufacturers to aid in the manufacturing process. Based upon the desired product output and the components needed for each product, the planning software generates a schedule of what components need to be manufactured and by when, and what materials need to be procured and by when. This schedule is generated based upon data stored in a database. The planning process is often complicated and, for complex products, can take many hours to complete.

A typical requirement imposed by the planning software is that it needs to do its processing based on a single consistent version of the database. If one process of the planning software is reading one version of the database while another process is reading an updated version of the database, serious errors, such as double counting, can occur. As a result, planning software requires that data be provided from a single frozen version of the database in order to operate properly.

As is well known, a database or a selected subset thereof can be frozen by obtaining exclusive locks on all of the tables in the database or the selective subset. Once locked, the tables can be processed by the planning software to carry out the planning process. However, as noted above, the planning process can take many hours to complete. Many companies, especially those having offices around the world, cannot afford to lock their tables for extended periods of time. Hence, locking tables in this manner is often not a viable solution.

Another possible solution is to simply make a copy of the database prior to running the planning software. The problem with this solution is that for large databases, the copying process itself can take several hours. During this time, the tables need to be locked to ensure a frozen state. As long as the tables are locked, no updates can be made. Hence, this solution suffers from the same shortcomings, albeit to a lesser degree, as the locking solution.

Based on the foregoing, it is clearly desirable to provide a mechanism for obtaining a single frozen version of the database, or a subset thereof, without locking tables in the database for an extended period of time.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

According to one aspect of the invention, a method and apparatus for supplying a consistent set of data to a software application is provided.

According to the method, a software application is launched that requires a particular set of data contained in a first database. Once the particular set of data is identified, a first process is requested to obtain a snapshot time from a database server associated with the first database. The snapshot time causes all subsequent reads of the first database by the first process to return data that reflects a database state associated with the snapshot time. After the first process obtains the snapshot time, the first process extracts the particular set of data from the first database. The software application is then supplied with the particular set of data that was extracted from the first database.

In one embodiment, a second process is used to store the particular set of data that was extracted into a second database.

According to another aspect of the invention, a method and apparatus for producing a copy of data from a first database is provided.

According to the method, a first set of data in the first database is locked. After locking the first set of data, a plurality of processes are requested to obtain snapshot times from a database server associated with said first database. The snapshot times cause all subsequent reads of the first database by the plurality of processes to return data from the first database as of the snapshot times. After waiting a particular period of time for the plurality of processes to be assigned snapshot times, the locks on the first set of data in the first database are released.

The plurality of processes that were successful in obtaining a snapshot time within the particular period of time are used to extract a copy of the first set of data from the first database. The copy of the first set of data is then separately stored from the first of data.

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AB - A consistent set of data is supplied to a software application from databases. When a particular set of data is identified, a first process is requested to obtain a snapshot time from a database server associated with the first database. The snapshot time causes all subsequent reads of the first database by the first process to return data that reflects a database state associated with the snapshot time. A first set of data in the first database is locked in order to produce a copy of data from a first database. After locking the first set of data, a plurality of processes are requested to obtain snapshot times from a database server associated with the first database. The snapshot times cause all subsequent reads of the first database by the plurality of processes to return data from the first database as of the snapshot times.

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